



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 18 September 2006

Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- Bloomberg reports a deadly outbreak of E. coli attributed to the consumption of fresh spinach has affected 102 people in 19 states as of Saturday, September 16; the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has warned Americans not to consume fresh spinach or products containing fresh spinach. (See item [23](#))
- The Green Bay Press–Gazette reports a third person in an alleged bomb plot to attack Green Bay, Wisconsin's East High School was arrested after investigators interviewed him and determined he "played a role" in the conspiracy to commit first–degree intentional homicide and conspiracy to commit arson. (See item [30](#))
- The Washington Post reports after two years of effort, officials from the Washington, DC, region have approved a homeland security strategic plan listing steps to improve disaster response in everything from decontaminating victims of a chemical attack to providing for stranded pets. (See item [34](#))
- The Associated Press reports police have warned Las Cruces, New Mexico, residents that they've received two letters threatening random shootings if city leaders fail to hand over a "substantial" ransom. (See item [39](#))

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Energy Sector



Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *September 15, Bloomberg* — **Dynegy to acquire LS power plants for \$2.3 billion.** Dynegy Inc., the energy company brought close to bankruptcy four years ago, agreed to buy LS Power Group's generating plants for \$2.3 billion to create the third-largest independent electricity producer in the U.S. Dynegy Chief Executive Officer Bruce Williamson will expand the company's reach to 15 states from nine and will have more than 20,000 megawatts of generation, enough to supply 16 million average U.S. homes. LS's plants are in California, Arizona, Connecticut, Maine, Pennsylvania and Illinois. Plum Point, a coal-fired plant under construction in Arkansas, is also part of the transaction.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=aRJ5H8zi rLww&refer=energy>
2. *September 15, Reuters* — **Oil holds near \$63 on ample winter fuel stocks.** Oil hovered around \$63 a barrel on Friday, September 15, near its lowest levels since March, as ample U.S. fuel stocks looked set to meet winter heating demand in the world's biggest consumer. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) on Friday lowered its forecast for demand for its oil next year, when supply from rival producers is expected to surge. Supply concerns also eased as Nigerian oil workers suspended a three-day strike early and the U.S. government studied a request by oil major BP to restart shut-in output at its giant Alaskan Prudhoe Bay oilfield. Aborted raids on oil and gas facilities in Yemen on Friday were a reminder of supply threats in the Middle East. In addition, the Atlantic hurricane season has been mild from the perspective of its impact on oil infrastructure.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/09/15/AR2006091500267.html>
3. *September 14, Department of Energy* — **DOE Assistant Secretaries in China to discuss energy cooperation.** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs Karen A. Harbert and Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy Jeffrey Jarrett were in China last week to discuss energy cooperation between the U.S. and China. In Hangzhou, Assistant Secretary Harbert participated in the second round of talks under the U.S. – China Energy Policy Dialogue to promote global energy security, protect the environment, and encourage economic growth and trade between the nations. In Beijing, Assistant Secretary Jarrett signed five-year agreement extensions with the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology to cooperate and share information in areas critical to improving energy security and environmental protection. Through the Dialogue, the two countries will share information on energy security measures, such as strategic petroleum reserves, energy policies, and strategies to draw needed investment in infrastructure development and expansion. The five-year agreements between the U.S. and China set out specific areas of activity aimed at improving oil and gas supply, deploying cleaner more efficient energy technologies for the nation's coal reserves, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions through advanced pollution controls.
Source: <http://www.energy.gov/news/4154.htm>
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September 14, Platts Energy Bulletin — **Connecticut outages due to heavy demand, poor maintenance.** Connecticut's aging grid infrastructure did not cause widespread outages during the August heat wave, as originally feared, according to a report issued Thursday, September 14. Instead, the state's Department of Public Utility Control blamed a variety of other factors including equipment overloads from the prolonged heat, excessive demand, and the need for better line maintenance. The commission added that it is concerned about aging underground cables, since the industry has less knowledge about how quickly they break down.

Source: <http://www.platts.com/Electric%20Power/News/7717127.xml?p=Electric%20Power/News&sub=Electric%20Power>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

5. *September 15, Columbus Dispatch (OH)* — **One hundred evacuated after train carrying chemicals derails.** About 100 people were evacuated Thursday, September 14, after a freight train derailed just north of Salem, IL, including three tankers carrying chemicals. Two derailed tankers contained phosphoric acid.
Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/national-story.php?story=dispatch/2006/09/15/20060915-A5-04.html>
6. *September 15, Westport Now (CT)* — **Gas line leak forces preschool evacuation and road closure in Connecticut.** A construction crew hit a gas line near a Westport, CT, preschool Friday, September 15, causing the school to be evacuated. About 300 students from the Pumpkin Preschool and Landmark Academy were evacuated to the nearby Assumption Church until gas company workers could shut down the line. Police also shut down Burr Road.
Source: <http://www.westportnow.com/index.php?v2/comments/14635/>
7. *September 15, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* — **Gas line rupture in Pennsylvania prompts evacuations.** Fire crews went door to door Thursday, September 14, telling residents along North Water and Rebecca streets in Kittanning, PA, to leave their homes after a gas line ruptured in a construction zone in the area. Fire crews routed traffic around the area.
Source: http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/hospital/s_470658.html
8. *September 15, WIS-TV 10 (SC)* — **Unidentified chemical prompts evacuations in South Carolina.** Columbia, SC, police are continuing to investigate whether chemicals found at a burglary suspect's home are hazardous. Jason Henderson's burglary arrest led to some Columbia International University students being evacuated from their homes. Richland County's bomb team was called in to investigate.
Source: <http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=5409416&nav=0RaP>
9. *September 14, Telegraph (GA)* — **Chemical fire at Georgia plant prompts evacuations of nearby businesses.** A hazardous chemical fire at Greenleaf Environmental Services in Macon, GA, was contained at about Thursday, September 14, about two hours after firefighters evacuated about 200 workers at nearby businesses. A plume of toxic smoke at the plant blew away from downtown Macon, but forced the evacuation of the Greenleaf facility, Cherokee

Brick & Tile, and Norfolk Southern's Brosnan Yard. The fire started in a 20 feet by 40 feet pit where the company processes hazardous chemicals for disposal. Non-regulated hazardous materials were being mixed with sawdust when a rubber hose was thrown into the pit. Hydrochloric acid mixed with the hose and started the fire.

Source: http://www.macon.com/mld/macon/news/breaking_news/15519423.htm

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

10. *September 14, U.S. Air Force* — **Air Force secretary: Interdependence is the future of U.S. military.** Air Force secretary Michael W. Wynne told West Point cadets Thursday, September 14, they will witness the U.S. military's evolution from maneuver to interdependent warfare. The move to interdependency will mean less ground warfare and more "rapid massing of resources of awareness, of detection and of instant communications to deliver concentrated precision strikes," the secretary said. "The American warrior has evolved to what I call spherical situational awareness," the secretary said. The new term calls for "taking a comprehensive, spherical view -- at once vertical, horizontal, real time and predictive, penetrating and defended in the cyber realm."

Full text of secretary's speech: <http://www.af.mil/library/speeches/speech.asp?id=271>

Source: <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123027126>

11. *September 14, U.S. Air Force* — **Changes to acquisition processes reduce delivery time.** Changes in the Air Force's acquisition community have already resulted in quicker delivery of capability to the warfighter, according to the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition. The Air Force acquisition community is changing the way it does business to deliver capability faster and at a lower cost, said Sue Payton during testimony September 7 before the House Appropriations Committee defense subcommittee. Payton told legislators that in order to better serve the warfighter, the Air Force has made changes to its acquisition process. One of those changes includes development of a rapid response assessment committee to evaluate acquisition requirements before a final capability development document is produced. To aid in risk management and decision making on critical aspects of selected acquisition programs, the Air Force has established both an acquisition strategy panel and an Air Force review board.

Source: <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123027074>

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *September 15, VNUNet* — **No let up in Barclays phishing attacks.** The phishing threat against customers of Barclays Bank shows no sign of easing following the sighting of eight new variants of the spoof e-mails. The attackers have also set up four new domains hosting fake Barclays Web pages, some of which also host spoof Volksbank pages. Panda Software said that 54 percent of the phishing e-mails it had detected over the past 24 hours were aimed at Barclays customers. "The authors of this attack are proving to be more tenacious than usual, considering the huge number of messages and the number of false Websites set up and

circulated in such a short period of time," said Panda Labs director Luis Corrons. "The signs are that they have no intention of stopping the attack until they have gathered considerable confidential data."

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2164339/let-barclays-bank-phishing>

13. *September 15, Government Computer News* — **Second stolen computer with VA data recovered.** Law enforcement has recovered the desktop computer stolen from Unisys that contained personal information of about 16,000 patients treated in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, according to the FBI and VA's Office of Inspector General. Khalil Abdullah-Raheem, who worked for a company that provides temporary labor to Unisys, was charged Thursday, September 14 with theft of government property. VA secretary Jim Nicholson said, "It appears that the Unisys computer was not targeted for the veteran information it may have contained." The VA data contained insurance claim information with names, addresses, and personal identifiers, VA said. The FBI is conducting a forensics analysis to determine whether VA data was compromised.

Source: http://www.gcn.com/online/vol1_no1/42012-1.html

14. *September 14, Finextra* — **London's financial to test bird flu contingency planning.** London's financial district will conduct a market-wide business continuity test to assess firms' readiness for dealing with an avian flu pandemic. The UK's financial authorities — HM Treasury, The Bank of England, and Financial Services Authority — will run the event from October 13 through November 24. Over 60 organizations from the financial services sector are expected to participate in the six-week exercise. Rather than simulating a "live fire" event, the aim of this year's business continuity exercise is to create over an extended time frame, a rolling exchange of information, decisions, and responses against an evolving scenario. The authorities says the overall objective of the exercise is to improve their own and the sector's preparedness by providing an opportunity to review, test and update plans for managing a pandemic threat. The drill will require participants to review the impact of reduced staffing levels on their own business operations, as well as the impact of disruption to key services such as transport, power, telecoms.

Source: <http://finextra.com/fullstory.asp?id=15864>

15. *September 13, Websense Security Labs* — **Multiple Phishing Alerts: GoldLeaf – State National Bank, University of Delaware Federal Credit Union, First National Bank of Omaha.** Websense Security Labs has received reports of a new phishing attack that targets customers of GoldLeaf–State National Bank. Users receive a spoofed e-mail, which claims that their account has not been upgraded to the latest Online Access Agreement for online services. The e-mail urges users to click on a link to confirm their identities and review account information to guarantee online security. Another phishing attack targets customers of the University of Delaware Federal Credit Union. Users receive a spoofed e-mail, which claims that, in order to fight terrorism and money laundering activities, their account details need to be confirmed. The link provided in the message leads to a phishing site requesting personal details such as account number, user ID, and password. Another phishing attack that targets customers of First National Bank of Omaha. Users receive a spoofed e-mail, which claims that a new database has just been installed at the bank servers and for the online banking software to be updated, their account details will need to be verified and confirmed. The link provided in the message leads to a phishing site requesting personal details such as account number, user ID,

and password.

Screenshots:

<http://www.websense.com/securitylabs/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=614>

<http://www.websense.com/securitylabs/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=613>

<http://www.websense.com/securitylabs/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=612>

Source: <http://www.websense.com/securitylabs/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=612>

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

16. *September 16, Associated Press* — **‘Yellow Submarine’ joins New Jersey arsenal.** They call it "The Yellow Submarine," and although it looks more like a portable generator, the remote controlled underwater device can spot underwater bombs and retrieve submerged objects. It's the latest example of New Jersey authorities enlisting technology in the war on terror. The innovations include bomb-sniffing scanners at a train station, a new search and rescue team outfitted with special listening and excavation devices, and motion detectors letting authorities know when someone strays into unauthorized areas near train tracks or bridges. Devices such as an experimental system to screen for explosives and concealed weapons at the Exchange Place PATH transit station in Jersey City could prove enormously helpful, said Richard Canas, New Jersey's homeland security director. State Police introduced the new submarine device this week at Port Newark, where it was able to find, grab and bring to the surface several sticks of simulated dynamite that had been fastened to an underwater bulkhead. Tethered to a trailer and sophisticated computer equipment by an 1,100-foot tether cable, the sub can go as deep as 1,000 feet, illuminate dark, murky areas and detect dangerous items lurking under the water. Source: <http://www.courierpostonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060916/NEWS01/60916005/1006>

17. *September 15, Reuters* — **Morocco plans Arab world's first high-speed train.** Work on the Arab world's first high-speed train — stretching from the Mediterranean to the door of the Sahara desert — could begin next year, the head of Morocco's rail company said. The trains would travel at up to 300 kilometres (186 miles) per hour, slashing times from Tangier in the north via Marrakesh to Agadir in the south, and from Casablanca on the Atlantic to Oujda on the Algerian border. "Marrakesh to Tangier in two and a half hours — it's as if the country's shrinking," rail operator ONCF's managing director Mohamed Rabie Khlie told Reuters in an interview. "A high-speed rail network will put us in the rail industry's big league," said rail operator ONCF's managing director Mohamed Rabie Khlie. Improving transport links from the center of the kingdom to long-neglected outlying regions is an important part of the government's attempt to stimulate the economy and reduce unemployment and poverty. Journeys from Casablanca to Marrakesh could be cut to 1 hour and 20 minutes from over three hours, and from the capital Rabat to Tangier to 1 hour and 30 minutes from 4 hours and 30 minutes. Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2006-09-15-morocco-high-speed-train_x.htm

18. *September 14, Minneapolis/St Paul Business Journal* — **Mesaba will meet with unions after ruling.** Mesaba Airlines said Thursday, September 13, that it would meet with unions after a

judge ruled that the airline could not void its labor contracts. In handing down the decision Wednesday, the judge overturned a July ruling that gave the carrier the right to impose its own contract terms on unions representing its flight attendants, pilots and mechanics. Mesaba has said it needs to cut labor costs by 19.4 percent in order to pull itself out of bankruptcy. Mesaba flies regional flights for Eagan, MN–based Northwest Airlines Corp. A subsidiary of Minneapolis–based MAIR Holdings Inc., Mesaba went into bankruptcy shortly after Northwest did.

Source: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bizj/060914/1346196.html?.v=1>

19. *September 13, Department of Homeland Security* — **DHS announces major investment in advanced radiography equipment for radiological and nuclear detection.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced on Wednesday, September 13, the award of the Cargo Advanced Automated Radiography System (CAARS) program contracts. The CAARS program will deliver an advanced imaging system that will automatically detect high density shielding that could be used to hide special nuclear material such as highly enriched uranium or weapons grade plutonium. CAARS will improve throughput rates providing more effective scanning of a higher portion of cargo at the nation's points of entry. CAARS will also be capable of the detection of traditional contraband such as high explosives and drugs. The budget supports the production and the deployment of approximately 300 CAARS domestically and internationally from over the next six years.

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=5828>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

20. *September 15, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO–06–757: Mail Security: Incidents at DOD Mail Facilities Exposed Problems That Require Further Actions (Report).** In March 2005, two well–publicized and nearly simultaneous incidents involving the suspicion of anthrax took place in the Washington, DC area. The incidents occurred at Department of Defense (DoD) mail facilities at the Pentagon and at a commercial office complex (Skyline Complex). While these incidents were false alarms, DoD and other federal and local agencies responded. The Postal Service suspended operations at two of its facilities and over a thousand DoD and Postal Service employees were given antibiotics as a precaution against their possible exposure to anthrax. This report describes (1) what occurred at the Pentagon and Skyline Complex mail facilities, (2) the problems we identified in detecting and responding to the incidents, (3) the actions taken by DoD that address the problems that occurred, and (4) the extent to which DoD's actions address the problems. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) is making recommendations to help improve the effectiveness of future DoD responses involving the suspicion of anthrax in the mail. DoD agreed with three of our recommendations but only partially agreed with our fourth. GAO retained this recommendation to ensure that DoD's future approach to making medical decisions during bioterrorism incidents occur within the participatory federal framework.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06757high.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-757>

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Agriculture Sector

21. *September 15, U.S. Department of Agriculture* — **Emergency grazing extended in 30 states.** Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns Friday, September 15, extended the window for emergency livestock grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for farmers and ranchers who are impacted by drought in 30 states. The traditional deadline for emergency grazing on CRP acres is September 30. The 30 eligible states are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming.
Source: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentonly=true&contentid=2006/09/0359.xml
22. *September 07, Associated Press* — **Potato disease prompts quarantine.** Federal and state regulators, trying to limit the spread of a potato root-eating pest, have restricted the handling and movement of potatoes and farm machinery in a 3,500-acre area in southeastern Idaho. The microscopic worm, called the potato cyst nematode, feeds at the roots of potato plants and can reduce crop production by 80 percent. The restrictions involve 35 potato growers and 141 potato fields. After the initial discovery of the pest in April, Japan banned all fresh U.S. potato imports, and Canada and Mexico banned all fresh potato imports from Idaho. Idaho is the nation's largest potato producer, growing about one-third of all the potatoes in the U.S. Last year, the state produced 12.5 billion pounds of potatoes worth about \$700 million to farmers. Farmers in the restricted area whose fields are inspected and declared nematode free will have green stamps affixed to their potatoes, which then can be moved without restrictions.
Source: http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/national/1110AP_Spud_Disease.html

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Food Sector

23. *September 17, Bloomberg* — **E. coli outbreak from spinach rises to 102 cases in 19 states.** A deadly outbreak of E. coli attributed to the consumption of fresh spinach has affected 102 people in 19 states as of Saturday, September 16, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said. The agency warned Americans not to consume fresh spinach or products containing fresh spinach following the outbreak, which caused the death of one person, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. E. coli can cause diarrhea and bloody stools and can lead to kidney failure and death, FDA said. The outbreak is part of a problem in the U.S. food supply that affects about 100,000 to 500,000 people every year. Bacteria can be spread by insufficiently cooked meat, sprouts, lettuce, unpasteurized milk and juice or contact with sewage-contaminated water. FDA's current guidelines include cooked fresh spinach in the warning. The states that have had confirmed cases of E. coli are California, Connecticut, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.
Source: http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601103&sid=azaS0Sv8_5Tys&refer=us

Water Sector

24. *September 15, Asheville Citizen–Times (NC)* — **Hepatitis A suspected in North Carolina well.** The one–story house at the center of a hepatitis A investigation spanning six states sits on U.S. 23 North, just before North Carolina gives way to Tennessee at Sams Gap. At least four cases of hepatitis A were found among guests who visited the property this summer. Four county residents in total were confirmed to have hepatitis A. Ten more cases are under investigation in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, New Jersey, Washington and Oregon. People who worked at or visited the property are suspected to have contracted it from drinking water, officials said.

Source: <http://www.citizen–times.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060915/NEWS01/609150316/1102>

25. *September 14, New York Times* — **Water monitor falsified reports.** A former New York City worker responsible for monitoring the water supply pleaded guilty Wednesday, September 13, to falsifying records about the purity of the drinking water. The worker, Daniel Storms, admitted in Federal District Court that in February 2005 he failed to complete all the required checks before recording the level of turbidity, a measure of cloudiness in the water. He was on duty at the time at the Catskill Lower Effluent Chamber, a point in Westchester County through which much of the city’s upstate water supply must pass. Storms is the second city employee in recent years to plead guilty to making false entries in water quality records. In August 2005, Dieter Greenfeld, admitted in federal court that he made false logbook entries that year while monitoring for turbidity. Storms faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison. Both men were employees of the city’s Department of Environmental Protection, which runs the city’s water system, the largest system in the country.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/09/14/nyregion/14water.html?ex=158897600&en=7f10a326d253d557&ei=5070&emc=eta1>

26. *September 14, Associated Press* — **Sewage leaks into Sturgeon Bay.** About 100,000 gallons of raw sewage leaked into Sturgeon Bay, in Wisconsin, after a state contractor hit two sewer pipes. Sturgeon Bay Utilities said it immediately notified the Department of Natural Resources and the Door County Public Health Department after learning of the leak Wednesday, September 13. Four Sturgeon Bay beaches will be closed for a week as a precaution, said Rhonda Kolberg, Door County public health director. A dredging crane cut two sewer mains while dredging a canal for a bridge, said Jim Stawicki, Sturgeon Bay Utilities general manager. The utility shut down the flow of sewage entering the bay as much as possible and began installing a bypass for the wastewater.

Source: <http://www.duluthsuperior.com/mld/duluthsuperior/15519379.ht m>

Public Health Sector

27. *September 15, Agence France–Presse* — Five more in South Korea infected by bird flu.

Five South Koreans were infected by the H5N1 bird flu virus two years ago while helping slaughter birds that had contracted the disease, health officials have said. The five were exposed to the virus between late 2003 and early 2004 but have shown no symptoms, said the health ministry's Center for Disease Control and Prevention. They make up only the second known incident of human infection in South Korea, which slaughtered 5.3 million poultry during a bird flu epidemic two years ago. At the time, more than 2,100 people who had helped with the destruction of the birds were tested for the virus. In February, four other people were confirmed to have been infected with H5N1 but they also showed no symptoms of the disease as defined by the World Health Organization.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060915/hl_afp/healthfluskorea_060915060346;_ylt=Asz4t5I9bN2Ce4QIf8LnyWJOrgF;_ylu=X3oDMTA5aHJvMDdwBHNIYwN5bmNhdA--

28. *September 15, Voice of America* — United Nations urges release of funds to help Indonesia fight bird flu. The United Nations (UN) official in charge of the fight against bird flu has urged donor nations to release funds to Indonesia because the country has made progress in combating the disease. The UN coordinator for bird flu, David Nabarro, told a news conference Friday, September 15, he was disappointed Indonesia had not received the funds needed for its fight against the H5N1 virus. Indonesia has attracted criticism for not doing enough to combat the disease. When it reduced its own budget allocation for bird flu programs, the World Bank and other donors demanded it reverse the decision. Donors have also asked Jakarta for a detailed plan of how it intends to spend bird flu aid. Indonesia had previously allocated about \$50 million to fight the disease, but the United Nations says the country needs at least \$250 million. Indonesia has confirmed 49 human deaths from the H5N1 virus. The death toll is the highest in the world.

Source: <http://voanews.com/english/2006-09-15-voa37.cfm>

29. *September 15, Chicago Tribune* — Wheaton College hit with seven cases of mumps. Seven cases of mumps have been reported at Wheaton College and six others are suspected, college and county health officials said Thursday, September 14. Since the first case of the highly contagious viral infection was identified September 7, affected students have been removed from classes at the private college in DuPage, IL. Those who live locally were sent home while others were kept isolated in college-owned apartments. The cases are being closely watched because of an outbreak of mumps in Iowa that spread to other Midwest states. Since December, there have been 4,643 cases of mumps nationwide, according to the most recent report by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control issued in June. There have been 598 cases in Illinois so far this year, 97 of them students on a college or university campus. DuPage County has reported 20 other cases.

Mumps information: <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/diseases/mumps/default.htm>

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/west/chi-0609150323sep15.1.854150.story?coll=chi-newslocalwest-hed>

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Government Sector

30. *September 17, Green Bay Press–Gazette (WI)* — **East High graduate linked to alleged bomb plot.** A third person in an alleged bomb plot to attack Green Bay East High School was arrested after investigators interviewed him and determined he "played a role" in the conspiracy, a police detective said. The man, Bradley Netwal, an 18-year-old 2006 East High School graduate, was arrested about 3:55 p.m. Friday, September 15, and booked into the Brown County Jail for conspiracy to commit first-degree intentional homicide and conspiracy to commit arson. Green Bay police Cmdr. Tom Molitor said detectives interviewed Netwal as part of a sweeping investigation and placed him in custody after the interview. East High students Shawn Sturtz and William Cornell, both 17, were arrested at school Thursday, September 14, after officials uncovered an alleged plot to bomb the school and shoot classmates. Sturtz and Cornell are both in the Brown County Jail being held in lieu of \$500,000. They are expected to be charged Thursday in connection with the alleged plot. "We are trying to figure out the width and the depth and the breadth of this thing, and we're talking to a lot of people," Molitor said early Saturday. As a precaution, school administrators brought a police dog to search the school Saturday, but the animal did not find anything.

Source: <http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AI=D=20060917/GPG0101/609170679/1206/GPGnews>

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Emergency Services Sector

31. *September 14, National Journal* — **Auditor criticizes California's emergency management work.** The inability of local officials in California to efficiently manage federal grant funding has made the state less secure, according to an audit released Tuesday, September 12. A report issued by state Auditor Elaine Howle found that the state has been slow in spending the \$1.3 billion in federal grants it has received in the past five years and that as much as \$239 million could be taken back if it is not put to use properly. The report also faulted the governor's Office of Emergency Services for falling behind schedule in its review of emergency plans for counties. In a letter to Schwarzenegger, Howle said the state's organizational structure is neither "streamlined" nor "well-defined." She said the relationships among various state agencies and committees also are ambiguous. The audit recommended that Schwarzenegger immediately test the responsiveness of state medical and health systems, identify steps to expedite the spending of security grants and streamline the state's preparedness structure. It also urged the state's emergency services office to develop a system to track and review its response plans.

Source: http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=35025&dcn=to_daysnews

32. *September 14, Danbury News Times (CT)* — **Connecticut tests new radio communications system.** In a drill Sunday, September 10, an explosion ripped through the new science building at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury. At virtually the same moment, a truck rolled over on Interstate 84 in Waterbury and began leaking gallons of commercial-grade hydrogen peroxide. In Torrington, there was a sulfuric acid spill at a factory. However, in the first-ever test of a new radio communications system developed as a result of the September 11 terrorist attack fell short of its goal of letting emergency responders know that what initially appeared to be isolated events extended far beyond local borders. Using the new I-CALL/I-TAC radio system, the responding agencies in the three respective communities were supposed to be able to communicate directly with each other and quickly get a handle on

the situation. Portable radios that are part of the new system did work as intended. But there were problems when the three command posts tried to talk to each other. As a result, the three spills were eventually treated as separate incidents, rather than as part of a related terrorist attack, officials said.

Source: <http://www.newstimeslive.com/news/story.php?id=1014916>

33. *September 14, Times West Virginian* — **WiMAX: Potential solution to interoperability in a mountainous terrain.** Lack of “interoperability” among first responders using separate communications networks is an issue that officials at the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation (WVHTC) hope to address with cutting-edge wireless technology called WiMAX, or Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access. The WiMAX system has a special use in the mountainous and rural terrain of a state such as West Virginia, said David Ramsburg. “I think it can be used in both environments,” said Ramsburg, the project manager for the wireless initiative. “We do have a unique situation that’s not going to be addressed by large carriers. We are addressing rural areas first because we’re dealing with a couple of issues here: topology and sparse population.” And WiMax, Ramsburg believes, is the technology that will allow emergency responders to bridge those areas of challenge. The WVHTC is in the first phase of a \$1.6 million, three-phase study to develop the technology and apply it in a pilot program.

Source: http://www.timeswv.com/local/local_story_257002229.html

34. *September 14, Washington Post* — **Washington's homeland security strategy approved.** After two years of painstaking effort, officials from the Washington, DC, region approved a homeland security strategic plan Thursday, September 14, listing steps to improve disaster response in everything from decontaminating victims of a chemical attack to providing for stranded pets. The 118-page plan takes aim at one of the main problems in coping with a disaster: the fragmentation of the region, which includes more than 20 cities and counties and scores of federal agencies, spread out over two states and the District. The plan outlines goals for homeland security spending and activities for the next three years. Some projects, however, have already begun — for example, the development of an evacuation plan for the region, and a high-tech communications system for emergency responders. Officials emphasized that the plan is a blueprint for improvements — not a manual on responding to a terror attack.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/09/13/AR2006091302084.html>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

35. *September 14, CNET News* — **Spam fighter hit with \$11 million judgment.** The manager of a popular blacklist used to block spam was hit with a multimillion-dollar judgment on Wednesday, September 13, but the order may not be enforceable. The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois has ordered Spamhaus to pay \$11,715,000 in damages to e360insight and its chief, David Linhardt, who had sued the UK-based organization earlier this year over illegal blacklisting. The court also barred Spamhaus from causing any e-mail sent by e360insight or Linhardt to be “blocked, delayed, altered, or interrupted in anyway” and ordered Spamhaus to publish an apology for that states that Linhardt and his company are not

spammers, according to a copy of the order.

Source: http://news.com.com/Spam+fighter+hit+with+11+million+judgment/2100-7350_3-6116009.html?tag=cd.top

- 36. *September 14, CNET News* — Attack code targets new IE hole.** Computer code that could be used to hijack Windows PCs via a yet-to-be-patched Internet Explorer (IE) flaw has been posted on the Internet, experts have warned. The code was published on public Websites, where it is accessible to miscreants who might use it to craft attacks on vulnerable Windows computers. As a workaround to protect against potential attacks, Microsoft suggests Windows users disable ActiveX and active scripting controls. The flaw is due to an error in an ActiveX control related to multimedia features and could be exploited by viewing a rigged Webpage, said Symantec. IE versions 5.01 and 6 on all current versions of Windows are affected, the French Security Incident Response Team (FrSIRT) said in an alert Wednesday. FrSIRT deems the issue "critical," its most serious rating.

FrSIRT alert: <http://www.frst.com/english/advisories/2006/3593>

Source: http://news.com.com/Attack+code+targets+new+IE+hole/2100-1002_3-6115966.html?tag=cd.top

- 37. *September 14, Federal Trade Commission* — FTC puts a permanent halt to illegal spamming operations.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has brought a permanent halt to four illegal spamming operations — including one that offered the opportunity to “date lonely wives” and two that hijacked the computers of unwitting third parties and used them to pelt consumers with graphic sexually explicit e-mail. The FTC charged the operators with sending spam that violated provisions of the CAN-SPAM Act, and has halted the illegal spamming. Cleverlink Trading Limited and its partners will give up \$400,000 in ill-gotten gains to settle FTC charges that their spam, or that of their affiliates, violated federal law. The FTC charged that Zachary Kinion sent spam hawking adult sites, mortgage rates, and privacy software and paid other spammers commissions to send spam messages for him. One spam operation used “spam zombies” to conceal the source of the sexually explicit spam. Another operator was a professional “button pusher,” who used spam to drive traffic to Websites run by third parties.

Source: <http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2006/09/spammers.htm>

- 38. *September 14, Security Focus* — Princeton researchers demonstrate Diebold virus.**

Researchers at Princeton University have demonstrated major security holes in U.S. electronic voting machines made by Diebold that make vote-stealing viruses a reality. The Diebold AccuVote-TS and TSx systems are the mostly widely deployed voting systems in the United States. The Princeton study was summarized in four main points. First, they found that malicious software, likely in the form of a virus, would be capable of "steal[ing] votes with little if any risk of attention." Second, the study concluded that anyone with physical access to a voting machine, or a memory card that would later be inserted into the machine, could easily install malicious software. Third, the Princeton researchers demonstrated a proof-of-concept virus that manipulates voting results, both on screen and in printed format, stealing votes and potentially rigging a U.S. election. Finally, the paper concludes that the only feasible remedy to such major security concerns is through replacing the voting machines themselves, along with changes to electoral procedures in the U.S. — noting that software changes alone would be insufficient to patch the Diebold design flaws.

Princeton University report: <http://itpolicy.princeton.edu/voting/ts-paper.pdf>

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39. *September 17, Associated Press* — **City told to pay up or face shootings, police say.** Police warned Las Cruces, NM, residents that they've received two letters threatening random shootings if city leaders fail to hand over a "substantial" ransom. Police had received some information from the public Saturday, September 16, but there had been no break in the case, Lt. Randy Lara said. "Someone knows something out there, and hopefully this will generate more information for the case," he said. The city received the second of two threatening letters Friday, September 15. At a news conference late Friday, Lara said he didn't want to alarm residents but he urged them to watch for any suspicious activity. "The letter did reference that Las Cruces residents will be shot at random if the city didn't comply with the extortion," Lara said. Authorities were taking the threat seriously, Lara said, but cautioned that officials don't know the intentions of the writer.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2006/US/09/16/city.threatened.ap/index.html>

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General Sector

40. *September 16, Associated Press* — **Immigration raid devastates Georgia town.** Trailer parks lie abandoned. The poultry plant is scrambling to replace more than half its workforce. Business has dried up at stores where Mexican laborers once lined up to buy food, beer, and cigarettes just weeks ago. Stillwell, GA, a community of about 1,000 people has become little more than a ghost town since September 1, when federal agents began rounding up illegal immigrants. The sweep has had the unintended effect of underscoring just how vital the illegal immigrants were to the local economy. More than 120 illegal immigrants have been loaded onto buses bound for immigration courts in Atlanta, 189 miles away. Hundreds more fled Emanuel County. Residents say many scattered into the woods, camping out for days. Last month, the federal government reported that Georgia had the fastest-growing illegal immigrant population in the country. The number more than doubled from an estimated 220,000 in 2000 to

470,000 last year. This year, state lawmakers passed some of the nation's toughest measures targeting illegal immigrants, and Governor Sonny Perdue last week vowed a statewide crackdown on document fraud.

Source: http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2006/09/16/immigration_raid_devastates_ga_town/

41. *September 15, Washington Post* — **World Bank lists failing nations that can breed global terrorism.** The number of weak and poorly governed nations that can provide a breeding ground for global terrorism has grown sharply over the past three years, despite increased Western efforts to improve conditions in such states, according to "Engaging with Fragile States," a new World Bank report. "Fragile" countries, whose deepening poverty puts them at risk from terrorism, armed conflict and epidemic disease, have jumped to 26 from 17 since the report was last issued in 2003. Five states graduated off the list, but 14 made new appearances, including Nigeria and seven other African countries, Kosovo, Cambodia, East Timor, and the West Bank and Gaza. Twelve states, including Afghanistan, Somalia and Sudan, made both lists. Hurdles facing the countries at risk, often referred to as "failed" or "failing" states, include "weak security, fractured societal relations, corruption, breakdown in the rule of law, lack of mechanisms for generating legitimate power and authority," and limited investment resources to meet basic needs, the report said. To avoid "adverse spillover effects — such as conflict, terrorism and epidemic diseases — the international community and the Bank need to find more effective ways" of assisting them, it said.

Report: http://www.worldbank.org/ieg/licus/docs/licus_ce.pdf

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/09/14/AR2006091401859_pf.html

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